

cellor Avery, Charles E. Bessey and Howard W. Caldwell, has formulated a set of rules to govern the giving of the annual prize of \$25, offered by W. J. Bryan for the best unpublished monograph on Nebraska history. Three judges are to be named by the board of directors of the society and writers who have published any important historical work are barred from competition. All manuscripts should be forwarded to the secretary of the Nebraska State Historical society and should be in the hands of the judges before May 15, 1910."

Baron Yasuya Uchida has been appointed Japanese ambassador to America to succeed Kogoro Takahira.

President Taft concluded his thirteen thousand mile trip through the west and south, reaching Washington November 10.

Mrs. U. S. Grant, wife of a son of the late President Grant, died at San Diego, Cal. She was the daughter of former United States Senator Chaffee.

James Thielman who, for many years, was head waiter at the Delmonico restaurant, New York City, died recently, leaving an estate valued at half a million dollars. It is said he invested his tips.

Alfred J. Davidson has resigned from the presidency of the Frisco railroad.

Vice President Sherman, in a newspaper interview, says he does not believe the Roosevelt boom for 1912 will materialize. He insists that President Taft is stronger than ever and that no important wing of the republican party is fighting him.

The Washington correspondent for the Chicago Record-Herald says that President Taft will pay particular attention to states where governors are to be elected in 1910. He is getting in action for 1912.

The supreme court of Oklahoma has declared that "marriage ties will not be dissolved except for grave and substantial cause." The opinion holds that when action is predicated on extreme cruelty there must be actual or imminent physical violence and that "incompatibility" is not sufficient ground for divorce.

John L. Griffiths, consul general at London, in a report to the department of commerce and labor, says that labor conditions in Great Britain are not satisfactory. Wages are being lowered, while the number of unemployed is growing. During the last year the wages of 464,000 persons were reduced. From January to June, 1909, more than one million men suffered reduced wages.

Joshua Strang of Indiana was elected president of the farmers' national congress in session at Raleigh, N. C.

The American Federation of Labor in session at Toronto, Canada, adopted resolutions declaring sympathy with Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison. They recommended that organized labor take a part in the action looking toward the naming of lawyers to fill vacancies on the bench of the supreme court.

The Nebraska supreme court has declared the eight o'clock saloon closing law to be valid.

Sir John Knill was installed as lord mayor of London, succeeding Sir George Truscott. An Associat-

ed Press cablegram from London says: "The new lord mayor is a Roman Catholic and is a son of Sir Stuart Knill, who was lord mayor in 1893. He is a member of the firm of John Knill & Co., whose landing wharves are among the oldest on the Thames. Sir John received his early education at Beaumont college, Windsor, and studied later in France and Germany. He is a member of two of the city companies—the goldsmiths and the plumbers."

King Edward of Great Britain celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of his birth November 9.

The Nebraska corn crop for 1909 is estimated at 166,565,105 bushels, an average of 25.7 bushels per acre. Last year the yield was estimated at 178,599,000, an average of 28.7 bushels per acre.

D. W. Woods, William Matthews, Lawrence J. Golden, Frank Grigware and Fred Torgensen were convicted in the federal court at Omaha on the charge of robbing the mail car on the Union Pacific Overland May 22, 1909. The penalty is life imprisonment.

An Associated Press dispatch from Louisville, Ky., follows: "J. Hargary Fawcett, cashier of the Merchants' National bank of New Albany, Ind., was killed; John K. Woodward, president of the bank, was dangerously wounded, and James R. Tucker, a negro chauffeur of Louisville, was fatally wounded this morning when a young man, partially identified as Arthur Hall, a Louisville dealer in second hand furniture, entered the bank and after commanding everyone to throw up his hands and get into the vault, began shooting. Mr. Fawcett died almost instantly after being shot through the neck and chest. Woodward was shot through the liver and intestines and Tucker was shot through the body and may die. Following the shooting the murderer rushed from the bank and tried to make his escape in an automobile which he had taken from the curb in front of the residence of its owner, Mrs. Walter Escott, in Louisville, forcing the negro chauffeur at the point of a gun to drive him to New Albany. But the chauffeur, paralyzed with terror and apparently incapable of action, sat still. The robber jumped from the car and sent a bullet through the negro's body. Turning to the river bank, a distance perhaps, of two blocks, the youth ran with the speed of a deer. He quickly appropriated a skiff at the dock and was on his way to the Kentucky side before the frightened citizens of New Albany knew what had transpired. An alarm was given through a megaphone from a dredge boat, and in a short time the police of the little city had started in pursuit in a fast motor boat, capturing their man and had brought him to shore only to confront the new peril of lynching. By a clever ruse, however, Captain Adams of the police stood off the crowd of 200 which crowded around the dock as the police boat landed. Commanding the prisoner to lie down the captain announced to the crowd that the man had taken poison and was dead, meanwhile carrying him to the patrol wagon and giving the word to drive ahead. The bandit was taken to the New Albany jail. A few moments later he was removed to the Southern Indiana reformatory at Jeffersonville to escape the mob which would not be quieted, and which had assembled around the jail."

David R. Francis, former governor of Missouri, has been appointed first vice president of the American exposition to be held in Berlin in 1910.

J. Pierpont Morgan is the president. Twenty-one states of the American union have made application for space.

New York dispatches say that the shortage of C. L. Warriner, treasurer at Cincinnati of the Big Four railroad, will amount to \$643,000.

Carl Di Forano, journalist and caricaturist, who was convicted of criminally libelling Rafael Reyes Spindola, editor of El Imparcial of Mexico City, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

Over 300 miners were entombed in the St. Paul mine at Cherry, Illinois, November 13. A fire carelessly started, followed by an explosion, shut off all hope of escape, and it is now believed all have perished. A number of rescuers were killed or burned to death in a brave attempt to reach the imprisoned miners through the air shaft, the only means of escape, which was later closed in an effort to stay the progress of the fire. Governor Deneen has issued a call to the people of Illinois and the entire country to aid in the relief of the stricken relatives and families of the unfortunate miners.

Halley's comet was observed at Brown University by Professor Winslow Upton. Professor Upton believes that the comet will be visible to the naked eye in January.

The new twenty million dollar Williamsburg bridge at New York is showing signs of weakness because of the tremendous strain put upon it by increasing traffic.

At Aberdeen, Wis., Frank Czolgosz, aged forty years, elder brother of Leon Czolgosz, the assassin of President McKinley, died of heart disease. Czolgosz believed his brother, Leon, was insane.

A Toronto dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "Organized labor's attitude on the question of industrial education was set forth in a report to the convention of the American Federation of Labor by the special committee appointed by authority of the Denver convention to investigate the subject. The committee, of which John Mitchell is chairman, held three meetings during the year in New York, Washington, and Toronto. Says the report: 'It is believed that the future welfare of America largely depends on the industrial training of our workers and protecting them. The inquiries of the committee seem to indicate that if the American workman is to maintain the high standard of efficiency, the boys and girls of the country must have an opportunity to acquire educated hands and brains such as may enable them to earn a living in a self-selected vocation and acquire an intelligent understanding of the duties of good citizenship. We favor the establishment of schools in connection with the public school system, at which pupils between the ages of 14 and 16 may be taught the principles of the trades, not necessarily in separate buildings, but in separate schools adapted to this public education and by competent and trained teachers.'"

One negro and one white man were lynched by an infuriated mob at Cairo, Ill. The negro, Will James, was the confessed murderer of Annie Pelley. The white man, Henry Salzman, was charged with wife murder. The town was placed under martial law by Governor Deneen.

General William B. Rochester, U. S. A., retired, died at Washington. He was paymaster general of the army in 1892.

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